stretched (thrusting every way from it upon the optic nerves), doth by that as it were by a staff touch it. Again, generation and corruption may be sufficiently explained by concretion and secretion, or local motion, without substantial forms and qualities. And, lastly, those sensible ideas of light and colours, heat and cold, sweet and bitter, as they are distinct tilings from the figure, site, and motion of the insensible parts of the bodies, seem plainly to be nothing else but our own fancies, passions, and sensations, however they be vulgarly mistaken for qualities in the bodies without us.

vi. Thus much may suffice for a general account of the Atomical physiology. We shall in the next place consider the antiquity thereof, as also what notice Aristotle hath taken of it, and what account he gives of the same* For though Epicurus went altogether this way, yet it is well known, that he was not the first inventor of it, But it is most commonly fathered on Democritns, who was senior both to Aristotle and Plato, being reported to have been born the year after Socrates; from whoso fountains Cicero* saiih, that Epicurus watered his orchards, and of whom Sex. Empiricus" and JLaertius* testify, that he did ^jcjSaXXccv rac iroiorijrae, cashier qualities;—-and Plutarch/ that he made the first principles of the whole universe aro/xowc «^><«o"c> %<**• aTrattelc, atoms devoid of all qualities and passions,—But Laertius*

* DC Nat. Dcor. lib. i. c. xliii. p, 294B. t. ix. opcr.

[b] Lib. ii. adv. Logicos, p. 459. Vide etiam lib. vi. adv. Mtifticos, p. 367. etlilu i. adv. Logicos, p. 399* , [c] Lib. ix. scgm. 72. p. 586.

[d] **Libro adversus Colotcmi, torn. ii. opcr. p. 1110.**

[8] Lib. ix. scgm. 30. p. .";(>7.